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plants to add more charm and beauty.

WILSON BROS.
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It's a real pleasure

to send you our new spring catalog. We do our best to make an attractive booklet, designed for easy reference and ordering. We hope you like it and invite your comments and criticism.

Of course our specialty is Geraniums but we also take pride in supplying you with other lovely plants to lend more charm and beauty to your home.

Also we wish you would visit our Greenhouses. Really, it is worth several hours of your time and we just know you would be delighted. Also plants are cheaper at our greenhouses—for you save the packing and mailing costs.

COME TO RACCOON, Indiana, 40 miles west of Indianapolis, 13 miles south of Crawfordsville, and 6 miles north of U. S. 36, on U. S. 231, (old State Road 43).

We are open on Sundays so just drop in anytime and we will do our best to make you feel at home.

Cully Wilson

WILSON BROS., FLORISTS

HOW TO GROW GERANIUMS

GERANIUMS OUTDOORS



Soil: Any garden that will grow common annual or perennial plants will grow Geraniums. If the soil is too rich, Geraniums produce soft, leggy branches, dense foliage and a scarcity of bloom.

If the soil is too poor, they produce pale foliage and small blooms. Ideal soil is slightly acid (about pH 6.5), 3 parts clay loam, 1 part coarse sand, and 1 part organic matter.

Sun: Geraniums require a lot of sunshine, yet, if at all possible, they should be shaded during the hottest part of the day to produce the best flowers. Geraniums will not do well in complete shade.

Water: When the soil appears dry, soak to a depth of at least 6 inches. It is much better to soak the ground once or twice a week than to sprinkle the soil every day. Always water early enough in the day so that the foliage will be dry by night.

GERANIUMS INDOORS

Soil: Mix together 3 parts good garden soil and 1 part peat moss, pack dirt firmly around plants. Have the soil moist, but not wet, when potting.

Containers: Repot our 2¼-inch plants in 3-inch pots. Do not use too large a pot for Geraniums, they bloom best when a little pot bound. It is better to repot the plants, increasing the size pot each time. Leave at least ½-inch of space at the top of each pot for watering, leave more room for larger containers. Always have good drainage.

Sun: To bloom indoors, Geraniums must have direct sun. Place them as close to the glass as possible.

Space: For beautiful beds allow only 8 inches in all directions for spreading. Pinching the tops of each plant will promote branching but will delay blooming several weeks.

Fertilizer: Bonemeal is excellent; mix in a liberal amount while preparing your soil. For additional feeding we recommend Plant Marvel.

Geraniums growing outdoors will drop most of their foliage if dug and potted for inside use during the winter. It is better to take cuttings from the older plants and start with fresh plants for indoor growing. Take cuttings, anytime, 4 to 6 inches long from strong branches that have leaves growing close together. Remove the leaves far enough up the stem to allow the cutting to stand upright when placed in moist sand. This sand should be about 4 inches deep in a box placed in a sunny spot. Cut a narrow trench in the sand and stick the cuttings to a depth of about 2 inches, then pat the sand firmly. Keep the sand moist; roots should appear in 3 weeks.

Water: Do not allow the soil to become water-logged or soggy. Once a week, especially on a sunny day, soak the plant. The rest of the time only enough to keep it from drying out.

Feeding: Do not feed unless the plants have stopped growing or the foliage is too pale. Use any good fertilizer. If you use Vigoro, put a small pinch on top of the soil before watering the plants. We like to use Plant Marvel—it is completely soluble in water. Do not over-feed—Geraniums do not require heavy fertilization.

Geraniums grown indoors during the winter may be planted outside in the spring, after the danger of frost is past.

To Help You Grow Them

B-101—GERANIUMS by Helen Van Pelt Wilson

This book is a must for every Geranium enthusiast. Tells you how to grow them successfully all over the U. S. Contains 21 chapters, 247 pages concerning all types and lists over 300 varieties, many in color and line drawings.

You'll really enjoy this authority on Geraniums. \$3.95.



GARDEN OR ZONAL GERANIUMS

(PELARGONIUM HORTORUM)

Add color to your home with colorful Geraniums. Brilliance of color and sheer beauty can be yours in many ways. Mass plantings of Geraniums in your flower beds, urns, porch and window boxes and along walks will be your pride and joy.

You will receive plants 4 to 8 inches tall that will bloom soon and grow to be dandy plants.



Double Dark Red

G-102 Better Times—Many deep red flowers produced by compact plant. Most popular dark red.

G-103 Pride of Camden—Very free flowering velvety red. Fairly compact plant.

G-104 Lady Jane—Large tomato-red flowers in fine clusters.

G-105 New Ruby—Large clusters of crimson red flowers with ruby tones.

G-109 Montmort—Bright magenta red with a touch of white in center.

Double Bright Red

G-116 Olympic Red—Exceptionally good bright red. Free flowering bushy plant.

G-117 Radio Red—Most brilliant of the reds. Withstands the hot sun and drought better than other varieties.

G-118 Red Fiat—Bright scarlet flowers abundantly produced by sturdy plants.

G-119 Improved Ricard—Huge scarlet flowers on vigorous plant.

G-120 Sensation—Scarlet tinged white on lower side of petals.

G-121 Wyona—Large scarlet bloom grown by large sturdy plant. An old favorite.

G-122 Red Barney—Bushy plant produces an abundance of small red flowers.

G-127 Red Landry—Excellent scarlet with zoned foliage.

Double White

G-155 Mme. Buchner—Most popular white. Free flowering compact plant.

G-156 Snowball—Large white flowers of fine form.

G-158 Gregersen's White—A new white with large flowers and strong growth.

G-159 Madonna—A full double white, considered superior by many. Fast growing plant.

30c each; 12 for \$3.00; 50 for \$10.00

Geranium Growers Since 1919

FOR BRILLIANCE AND BEAUTY

Double Deep Pink

G-130 Pink Abundance—Large rich pink flowers on free blooming plant.

G-131 Double Dryden—Big bright rose flowers with white centers. Strong plant.

G-132 Mrs. Gloede—Many deep rose flowers produced by strong growing plant.

G-133 Irvington Beauty—Deep salmon-rose bloom. Bushy grower.

G-136 Pink Giant—Extremely large flowers of deep rose with white centers. Stocky, short plant.

G-137 Pink Phenomenal—Huge rose colored flowers with delicate white centers. Sturdy plant.

G-139 Sunset Pink—Free blooming with medium sized rose pink flowers shading to lighter centers. Compact, bushy growth.

Double Salmon Pink

G-141 Pink Fiat—Mighty popular salmon pink. Fine foliage and profuse blooming makes it a leader.

G-142 Mme. Landry—Dark salmon flowers of fine form. Beautiful zoned foliage.

G-143 Picardy—A free flowering clear salmon pink. Fast grower.

G-145 Salmon Ideal—Beautiful deep salmon apricot bloom. Sturdy plant with zoned foliage.

G-146 Salmon Supreme—Large light salmon flowers. A profuse blooming compact plant.

Double Light Pink

G-160 California Beauty—Large light rose flowers with white centers. Compact plant, exceptionally free flowering.

G-164 Improved Mrs. Lawrence—Light shell-pink. Large flowers on free blooming compact plant.

G-165 Jean Viaud—Lavender pink with white centers. Large flowers grown by strong plant.

G-167 Apple Blossom—Shades from white center to true apple blossom pink. Compact plant with zoned foliage.

G-168 Enchantress Fiat—Large light shrimp flowers often lighter at edges. Compact, bushy growth.

G-170 Presilly—Light pink with slight orchid tint. An old beloved variety.

30c each; 12 for \$3.00; 50 for \$10.00

GARDEN OR ZONAL GERANIUMS

Single Varieties

G-175 Painted Lady—Deep pink bordered flowers with large white centers. Small plant.

G-194 Jules Verdon—White centered orangy red.

G-176 Mrs. E. G. Hill — Large salmon flowers in large clusters.

G-184 Springtime — Large dark salmon pink flowers shade to white centers. An unusual wavy petaled variety.

G-178 Buster Crabbe — Tall plant with extra large salmon coral flowers.

30c each; 12 for \$3.00; 50 for \$10.00

LARGER, OLDER GERANIUMS

Very much in demand are these larger Geraniums in heavy BUD or BLOOM. Wonderful plants for immediate color in your flower beds and boxes. These beautiful Geraniums, grown in 3-inch pots, will be shipped standing up in paper pots on orders for 12 or more. Available only by the following color classifications in April, May and June.

GL-701—Double Dark Red

GL-702—Double Bright Red

GL-703—Double Deep Pink

GL-704—Double Salmon Pink

GL-705—Double Light Pink

GL-706—Double White

GL-707—Single Varieties

GL-708—Assortment of above



60c each; 12 for \$6.00; 50 for \$20.00

AVAILABLE ONLY IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

COLORED OR FANCY LEAF GERANIUMS



Skies of Italy

Mme. Languth



Happy Thought



Marshall MacMahon

Extremely popular are these "show offs." Fine for both pot culture and outdoor bedding. Sunshine brings out their true beauty and leaf colors never clash in mass plantings. You'll love these Fancies also for edges and borders.

GF-301 Happy Thought — Tri-colored leaves. Irregular, large ivory center, bright green edging with faint brown zone. Single scarlet flowers. Very popular.

GF-302 Marshall MacMahon — Yellow-green leaves with a wide red-bronze zone. Large single red flowers.

GF-303 Mary Ann — Bright green, slightly cupped leaves with wide white borders. Compact grower, single red flowers.

GF-305 Mme. Languth — Silvery green leaves bordered with white. Double cherry-red flowers. Best flower of the Fancies.

GF-306 Bronze Beauty — Large, round yellowish green leaves with wide reddish bronze zone. Single salmon pink flowers.

GF-307 Skies of Italy — Showy tri-color. Deeply toothed green leaves with yellow edges, darkly zoned crimson to orange. Single vermillion flowers.

GF-310 Mrs. Pollock — A flashy tri-color. Medium green center with bright yellow scalloped edge. Irregular splashed zone of dark red to brown. Single orange-scarlet flowers.

GF-312 Attraction — Light silvery green leaves with narrow cream-white edges. Single orange-red flowers.

50c each; 12 for \$5.00; 50 for \$20.00

SINGLE, ZONAL GERANIUM SEED

You can easily grow your own Geraniums. You'll love watching them grow in your sunny window. We offer a mixture of the single zonal types in shades of white, pink, salmon and red.

S-100 Packet, 25c—contains 50 or more seeds; 1/16 oz., \$1.00

Lovely Lady Washingtons

(PELARGONIUM DOMESTICUM)

Also known as Show, Regal, Martha Washingtons or just as Pelargoniums. You will receive plants about 6 inches tall, well rooted and out of 2¼ inch pots. They will grow into specimen plants just covered with velvety textured flowers 3 to 5 inches across.

To offer you more selection, we are listing many more varieties this year. However, supply has never equalled the demand on some varieties. To avoid disappointment, please list second choices on your order.



Reds

GP-605 Congo—Maroon black with rose-violet shading on petal edges. Heavily veined black.

GP-608 Empress of Russia — Dark red with light pink edges; darker blotch in each petal.

GP-613 Marie Vogel — Red, flushed salmon. Dark blotches on upper petals. Large flowers with waved petals.

GP-647 Jungle Night — Deep maroon overlaid velvety black. Petals waved and curled.

GP-651 Red Velvet—Dark wine overlaid black. Waved petals.

GP-668 Conspicuous—A showy, shining oxblood red veined and blotched black. Large ruffled flowers.

GP-660 Carmine Queen — Carmine red, slightly ruffled flowers. Dark blotches on upper petals.

GP-661 Wolfgang Goethe—Popular deep red. Violet black blotches on each petal.

GP-657 Misty Rose—Large frilled flowers of light magenta with two outstanding dark blotches.

Lavender-Purple

GP-612 Marie Rober — Magenta purple to black, one of the darkest.

GP-614 Palo Alto — Pinkish lavender, violet blotches on upper petals.

GP-622 Stardust — Pale, silvery lilac. Top petals heavily veined and blotched deep violet.

GP-625 Waltztime—Orchid with velvety violet blotch in upper petals. Ruffled.

GP-649 Neuheit C. Faiss — Heliotrope violet with a deeper blotch on each petal.

GP-659 San Diego — Light purple with deep splashes on all petals.

Whites

GP-634 Gay Nineties—Ruffled white with blotches of rose red in top petals. Lower petals striped rosy red.

GP-646 City of Oakland—Large glistening white. Top petals blotched rose-violet.

GP-648 Mrs. Mary Bard — Almost pure white; purple veining at base of petals.

40c each; 8 for \$3.00; 50 for \$16.00

Make A Superior Show

Pinks

GP-601 Ballerina—Shell pink, upper petals veined deep red. Large ruffled flowers.

GP-621 Spring Song—Delicate pink with upper petals veined and blotched deep crimson. Wavy petaled; free flowering.

GP-630 Cyril Warren—Medium rose with bluish tinge. Upper petals blotched velvety red.

GP-636 Azalea—Popular rose red with darker blotching in upper petals.

GP-638 Ruth Eleanor—Bright pink with black blotches in top petals.

GP-642 Our Frances—Silvery rose-pink. Top petals blotched crimson.

GP-644 Mary Elizabeth—Watermelon pink with white throat. Unusually dainty coloring.

GP-652 Anita—White centered pink with upper petals blotched dark crimson.

Salmon Pink

GP-616 Rhapsody—Waved and fluted salmon pink. Velvety red markings.

GP-623 Sue Jarrett—Salmon pink with large markings of velvety maroon. Extra large flowers.

GP-632 Grandma Fischer—Large waved petals of rich salmon pencilled and blotched dark brown.

GP-633 Edith North—Salmon pink with blotches of dark brown in upper petals.

GP-645 Senorita—Showy salmon orange with darker blotching in upper petals.

GP-665 Salano—A fine salmon pink.

Pansy Geraniums

GP-640 Mrs Loyal—Small purple, rose and white blended flowers. Blooms early and over a long season. Compact bushy growth; makes an excellent pot plant.

GP-689 Chicadee—A newer Pansy Geranium, very similar to the well known Mrs. Loyal. An exceptionally free bloomer with attractive rose, white and purple blended flowers.

40c each; 8 for \$3.00; 50 for \$16.00

We recommend to our customers **POPULAR GARDENING** and **COUNTRY GENTLEMAN**. These magazines give you garden tested ideas, plans, and advice all season long. We are enclosing with this catalog a coupon to enable our customers to take advantage of special introductory rates which **POPULAR GARDENING** and **COUNTRY GENTLEMAN** are offering new subscribers.

IVY LEAF GERANIUMS

(PELARGONIUM PELTATUM)

Double unless otherwise stated.

Ivy or Trailing Geraniums will lend a new beauty to your hanging baskets, urns, porch or window boxes. Also along walks or for a bordering effect.



GI-501 Bridesmaid—Very soft orchid with faint rose veining. Large flowers of finest form.

GI-502 Caesar Frank—Brilliant rose pink flowers with orange markings. A very popular pink.

GI-503 Cayucas—Soft rosy pink with red markings. Large flowers. Medium growth.

GI-505 Charles Turner—Strong rose pink. Large flowers; free blooming. Most popular pink.

GI-506 Cliff House—White, flushed pale orchid. Medium growth with many medium sized flowers.

GI-507 Gringoire — Rosy carmine with violet undertone. Large flowers; bushy grower.

GI-508 Intensity—An outstanding bright red. Produces many large, deep orange scarlet flowers.

GI-509 Joseph Warren — Rich violet-purple. Deepest color of the Ivies. Large flowers; good bloomer.

GI-510 Judy—Cerise-purple, has reddish cast. Free blooming, spreading plant.

GI-511 Mrs. Banks—White with bluish cast. A continuous bloomer.

GI-513 The Blush—A lovely silvery pink. Buds rose-type, open to medium sized flowers.

GI-518 Emily Sylvia — Single. Deep rosy red with orange flush near center. A vivid color.

GI-523 Rober's Lavender—Extremely double, large lavender flowers. Free blooming.

GI-527 Alliance—Very large flowers of lilac-white with spots of deep rose. Compact plant blooms freely.

GI-529 Carlos Uhden—Large round flat flowers of rose red with light centers.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

FOR TRAILING BEAUTY

GI-530 Countesse de Grey—Soft satiny pink flowers marked light violet. Free and continuous bloomer.

GI-532 Galilee—A very popular medium pink. Bushy, free blooming plant.

GI-537 Salmon—Rose pink shade of salmon with reddish veining. Strong, long growth.

GI-539 Willy (Dark Red)—Extra double, very dark red. Large flowers, blooms freely. One of the best deep reds.

GI-542 Double Lilac White—White with a delicate shade of lilac.

GI-545 Leopard — Orchid pink, spotted red.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

UNUSUAL GERANIUMS



Dark Beauty

Don't we all seek and collect the unusual? You'll enjoy these conversation makers. Truly something different!

GU-407 Dark Beauty (P. frutetorum)—Attractive single, orange-salmon flowers. Named from the leaves having a wide dark zone.

GU-410 Irma—Double deep salmon flowers with white centers and frilled petals. Waxy, green foliage.

GU-412 Apple Blossom Rosebud—Large clusters of white rosebud flowers with petals trimmed rose-pink. Nice sturdy plant.

GU-414 Double Pink Bird's Egg—Medium sized rose flowers with some white in centers. Petals heavily spotted with rose red dots.

GU-418 Noel—A double white cactus flowered Geranium with narrow rolled and twisted petals.

GU-420 Summertime—A wavy petalled, slightly toothed single with extra large light salmon pink flowers.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

GU 401 Magenta Rosebud—Magenta or dark crimson. Mature flowers hold rosebud form. Strong growing plant.

GU-402 Knotted Storksbill (P. gibbosum)—Cork brown stems with swollen joints, yellow-green flowers. Sparse grey green brittle foliage.

GU-404 Cactus Stemmed (P. echinatum)—Stubby, prickly grey stems. Sometimes called Sweetheart Geranium for small single white flowers have heart shaped maroon blotching.

GU-405 Jeanne—Single deep salmon with toothed petals. Carnation flowered.

GU-406 Scarlet Rosebud—Small scarlet flowers of fine form. Blooms profusely.

SCENTED LEAF GERANIUMS



Camphor Rose



Filbert



Finger Bowl Geranium

After many years these Scenteds are coming back and becoming increasingly popular. They are easily grown and their unique foliage may be used in many decorative ways. Try them for corsages, table decorations, etc.

You will enjoy a variety for no two have the same fragrance or leaf pattern.

Rose Scented

GS-201 Snowflake Rose (*P. adicifolium*)—Extra large, rangy plant with mammoth fan-shaped leaves blotched with white. Lavender bloom.

GS-202 Camphor Rose (*P. graveolens camphorum*)—Deeply cut camphor scented leaves. Small orchid flowers, purple-veined.

GS-203 Attar of Roses (*P. capitatum*)—Tall growing, deeply cut, highly scented leaves. Small orchid flowers.

GS-205 Fern Leaf (*P. denticulatum*)—Finest cut leaf of all. Tall spreading plant resembles the fern. Tiny white flowers.

GS-206 Dr. Livingston (*P. graveolens*)—Vigorous tall plant, finely divided leaves. Small light orchid flowers. Lemon rose scent.

GS-210 Old Fashioned Rose (*P. graveolens*)—Deeply cut heart shaped leaf. Tall compact plant. Small orchid flowers, veined purple.

GS-211 Shrubland Rose—Large crinkly leaves. Red flower. Compact, bushy plant.

GS-212 Giant Rose (*P. graveolens giganteum*)—Sweet rose scent. Large leaf on rangy plant.

Fruit Scented

GS-235 Cody's Nutmeg (*P. fragrans*)—Cross between Apple and Nutmeg Geraniums; tiny white flowers.

GS-236 Apple-Scented (*P. odoratissimum*)—Light green velvety leaves; compact plant; tiny white flowers with red spots on upper two petals. Smells like an apple barrel.

GS-237 Filbert—Light green, hairy leaves and stems. Nut scented. Red flowers veined maroon.

GS-238 Pretty Polly—Almond-scented. Crisp, fresh looking heart shaped leaves. Flowers rare but are a lovely pink.

GS-239 Apricot (*P. scabrum*)—Dark glossy pointed leaves, deeply toothed. Large rose flowers.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

DELIGHTFULLY FRAGRANT—Different

Lemon Scented

GS-221 *P. crispum lactifolia* — Fruity orange scent. Medium sized leaves.

GS-222 Prince Rupert (*P. crispum*) — Strong lemon scent. Large handsome plant with orchid flowers veined with purple.

GS-223 Lime Scented (*P. nervosum*) — Deep green, lime scented leaves. Woody stemmed with trailing branches.

GS-224 Lady Mary (*P. limoneum*) — Fan-shaped, light green hairy leaves. Compact growth with magenta bloom.

GS-225 *P. melissimum* — Tri-lobed, lemon scented leaves. Handsome sturdy plant.

GS-229 Finger Bowl Geranium (*P. crispum minor*) — Tiny stemless leaves, strong citronella scent. Pale lavender flowers.

GS-226 Prince of Orange (*P. citriodorum*) — Bushy plant with light green, fan-shaped leaves. Large white flowers tinged with pink. Upper petals veined purple.

GS-227 Rober's Lemon Rose (*P. graveolens*) — Long narrow, divided crinkly leaf. Velvety appearance with clusters of small orchid flowers.

Pungent Scented

GS-275 *P. abrotanifolium* — Finely cut leaves; tiny white flowers faintly veined with red. Strong aromatic scent.

GS-276 Beauty (*P. quercifolium*) — Spreading plant with rough, dark green, oak-shaped leaves with brown zone. Tiny rose flowers.

GS-279 Clorinda — Eucalyptus scent. Compact plant with oak-shaped leaves. Large pink flowers.

GS-280 Round Leaf Balm (*P. dennisianum*) — Large fragrant leaves. Spreading growth. Free flowering lavender, upper petals brushed purple.

GS-284 Little Gem (*P. terebinthinaceum*) — Compact, low-growing plant with light green hairy leaves. Rose pink flowers with red markings.

GS-285 Mrs. Kingsley (*P. rapaceum*) — Small ruffled and silvered leaves remind one of parsley. Red flowers.

GS-286 Mrs. Taylor (*P. ignescens*) — Crinkly leaves on a spreading plant. Bright red flowers.

GS-287 Pheasant's Foot (*P. viscosum*) — Deeply cut leaf has appearance of a pheasant's footprint. Light orchid flowers veined purple. Strong scent.

GS-288 Prostrate Oak (*P. quercifolium prostratum*) — Low growing plant with oak-shaped leaves having light brown zone. Deep orchid flowers.

GS-289 Giant Oak (*P. quercifolium giganteum*) — Coarse, tall grower having small rose flowers. Deep purpled veined leaves.

GS-290 Sharp-toothed Oak (*P. quercifolium pinnatifidum*) — Purple marked medium sized leaf. Pale pink flowers deeply marked rose.

GS-292 Skeleton's Unique (*P. quercifolium*) — Dark green leaves with brown zone. Deep orchid flowers marked purple. Prostrate growth.

GS-293 Cocoanut (*P. parviflorum*) — Small and compact with dark leaves and clusters of tiny magenta flowers.

GS-294 Staghorn Oak — Oak shaped leaves with purple veining. Lavender flowers.

GS-295 Old Scarlet Unique — Hairy, greyish leaves of pungent scent. Large scarlet flowers with black markings.

Mint Scented

GS-265 Godfrey's Pride — Large leaves, lightly variegated. Prostrate grower. Light pink flower.

GS-267 Peppermint (*P. tomentosum*) — Large grape-like hairy leaves. Low, spreading growth.

GS-268 Joy Lucile (*P. tomentosum x graveolens*) — Strong mint scent. Large triangularly lobed light green, "felt" leaves. Pink flowers.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

SCENTED LEAF GERANIUMS

Spice Scented

GS-255 *P. australis*—Trailing plant with large, zoned leaves. Small clusters of delicate lavender flowers. Spicy scent.

GS-256 Nutmeg (*P. fragrans*) — Small, round, light green leaves; slightly scalloped. Clusters of tiny white flowers.

GS-257 Logee's Nutmeg (*P. fragrans*)—Cross between Apple and Nutmeg Geraniums. Viny plant with delicate white flowers. Upper petals veined with purple.

GS-258 Ginger (*P. torento*) — Rounded serrate leaves with grey stems. Ginger scent. Lavender rose flowers.

GS-259 Cinnamon—Deeply cut, slightly cupped leaves. Good cinnamon scent. Bright red flowers.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00; 50 for \$12.50

Variegated Scenteds

GS-209 Lady Plymouth (*P. graveolens*)—Rose scented, deeply cut leaves with white edging and blotching. 40c each; 8 for \$3.00.

GS-228 Variegated Prince Rupert (*P. crispum variegatum*)—Lemon scented, small ruffled leaves with yellow edges. Compact growth; lavender flowers. 50c each; 6 for \$2.50.

GS-283 Gooseberry (*P. grossularioides*)—Woody bushy plant. Deep green leaves blotched with yellow. Resembles the Gooseberry bush. 40c each; 8 for \$3.00.

BLOOMING AFRICAN VIOLETS

Your acceptance and demand for the newer African Violets has led us to include only what we consider the best of the new and fairly recent introductions.

You will receive large blooming plants grown in 3 inch pots. Really lovely plants you'll proudly display!

Double Varieties

AV-217 Helen Wilson Bouquet — Very double dark wine flowers in abundance. Beautiful girl foliage. \$2.50 each.

AV-180 Azure Beauty—A lovely Rainbow double! Extra large double flowers variegated blue and white. Bright green ovate leaves. A compact, free-blooming violet. \$2.50 each.

AV-201 Purity—An extremely popular pure white double. Compact and free flowering. Pleasing apple green foliage. \$2.50 each.

AV-218 Rose Rainbow—A new wine and white double. Flowers open wide, color varies from white with rose center to wine with white center. Very showy flowers! \$2.50 each.

AV-181 Delight Rainbow — Extra large, double, light blue flowers grown in fine clusters. Large dark green leaves slightly scalloped. \$2.50 each.

AV-117 Double Neptune—The king of doubles! Beautiful blue-violet flowers with dark leaves. Large, round well-shaped flowers open quickly. \$2.00 each.

AV-102 Orchid Sunset—Dark orchid, almost wine colored flowers. Sometimes called Double Red. Round, flat; bright green leaves. A dandy plant. \$2.50 each.

BLOOMING AFRICAN VIOLETS



Painted Girl



Purity



Snow Prince

Single Varieties

AV-219 Blue Eyed Girl—Medium large white flowers with blue variegation in center shading out toward petal edges. Large girl leaves, slightly cupped. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-220 Blue Eyed Betty—New! Huge white flowers with deep blue centers and lighter edging. Extra large quilted and scalloped girl leaves. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-221 Bronze Bicolor—A pleasing lavender bicolor with the upper two petals darker. Bronze leaves; vigorous grower. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-222 California Dark Plum—Dark wine colored flowers. Dark green, long tapered leaves. A leading new red. **\$2.50.**

AV-223 Curly Snow Girl—Large glistening white flowers growing out of compact girl foliage. Light green lacy leaves. **\$2.50.**

AV-224 Curly Sailor Girl—Lovely light blue flowers. Large lacy girl leaves. **\$2.50.**

AV-213 Geneva Rainbow—Sparkling dark orchid flowers with a distinct white border. Profuse blooming above light green foliage. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-225 Indianola—Many light lavender flowers contrast beautifully with the dark green foliage. Under side of leaves are really red. An exceptional violet. **\$2.50.**

AV-226 Pink Cheer—New! Glistening light pink flowers with deep pink centers. Midgreen heart shaped foliage. An outstanding new pink. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-227 Royal Prince—New, our introduction. Extra large dark purple flowers. Dark green heavy foliage. Fine vigorous plant. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-198 Snow Prince—The best pure white! Large waxy white flowers grow well above the oblong apple green foliage. **\$2.50.**

AV-203 Painted Girl—Dainty white flowers with edges of petals striped wine. Medium sized scalloped girl foliage. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-229 Wine Velvet—New! Deep wine colored flowers of long lasting quality. Near-est red to date. Dark green, long tapered leaves. Really outstanding. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-230 Seedlings—Extra nice, unnamed plants grown from hybridized seed. Mixed colors mostly blues, lavenders and variegated. State color preference. **\$2.00 each.**

Novelties

AV-231 Brussel Sprouts—New! The Parrot Tulip of the African Violets. Blooms remain closed and look like its name, Brussel Sprouts. Curly, toothed foliage. A most unusual violet. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-228 Ruffled Beauty—Unusual for its reddish zone and markings in leaf center and along the scalloped edges of the ruffled foliage. Attractive lavender red flowers. **\$2.50 each.**

AV-232 Five Dots—A new novelty variety with single deep blue flowers having a white dot on the tip of each petal. Good vigorous bloomer. **\$2.00 each.**

AV-212 Miniature Girls—Really cute! Dainty, curly and lacy girl leaves form a dense dwarf plant. Flowers in shades of blue, orchid and variegated. State preference. **\$2.00 each.**

AV-233 Pink Charm—Our brand new introduction in lovely pink. Extra long lasting flowers with deep pink centers shading to lighter edges. Unique blooms with 6 petals, first step toward the double. Profuse blooming above dark green oblong foliage with rosy reverse. **\$3.50 each.**

AV-234 Yellow Brown Girl—Creamy colored blossoms with a brownish spot on each petal. Apple green girl foliage. **\$2.50.**

EVER BLOOMING WAX BEGONIAS



Always in full bloom. These begonias are the fibrous rooted varieties that begin blooming when quite small and produce an abundance of flowers. Provide partial shade for outdoor planting.

Double Wax Begonias

Truly double. The ball shaped flowers consist of a mass of closely knit petals. Plants are bushy with bright, shiny green leaves.

BD-301 Geneva Scarlet Beauty — These deep red flowers will get large if properly fed. Nice compact plant.

BD-302 Deep Pink—Giant pink flowers on large sturdy plant.

BD-303 Baby Pink — Small plant with delicate pink flowers.

BD-304 Geneva White—Pure white flowers produced by small compact plant.

BD-305 Snowbush—You'll love this delicate blush-pink flower.

Single Wax Begonias

The everlasting Begonia found in so many homes. Large blooming plants grown in 3-inch pots.

BS-310 Adeline — Extra free flowering, bright pink, grown by a dwarf, compact plant.

BS-311 Ball Deep Rose—This variety is rich, rosy red in winter and spring but becomes lighter in summer. Dwarf and compact.

BS-312 Ball Red—A dwarf compact plant that produces bright scarlet flowers.

BS-313 Indian Maid—Taller than other varieties. Deep lustrous bronze foliage with contrasting red flowers.

BS-314 Snowbank—Free blooming white flowers produced by a dwarf compact plant.

BS-315 Luminosa Compacta—Extra dwarf plant growing many scarlet red, free blooming flowers.

60c each; 2 for \$1.00; 12 for \$5.00

50c each; 12 for \$5.00

OTHER FINE BEGONIAS

Rex Begonias

BR-322 — The Painted Leaf Begonia. Famous for its large, beautiful leaves of many colors. They have a metallic sheen and exhibit an array of colors in blotches, spots, and borders. Assorted colors only.

75c each; 3 for \$2.00; 25 for \$15.00



Lettuce Leaf Begonias

BL-326—Light green ruffled and crinkled leaves form a dense mound that looks good enough to eat. Small pink flowers above foliage.

75c each; 3 for \$2.00



Beefsteak Begonias

BB-325—Thick round leaves are dark green on top; veined red underneath resembling a rare steak. Beautiful light pink flowers are grown high above the foliage.

75c each; 3 for \$2.00



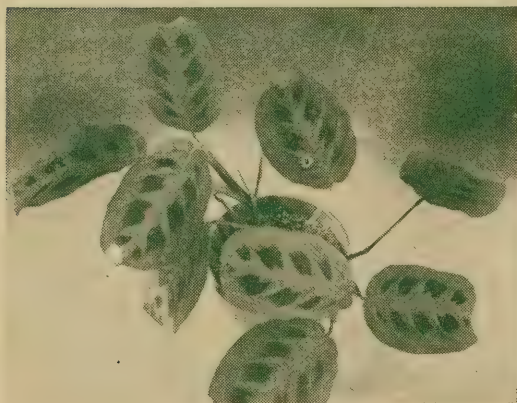
Watermelon Begonias

BW-321—Large dark green leaves with wide light green stripes. Resembles the striped watermelon. Really looks nice in a planter.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00



EXTRA NICE HOUSE PLANTS



Rabbit Tracks

RT-326 (Maranta)—Many of the oblong, light green leaves are blotched dark brown, resembling the tracks of a rabbit. Also called the "Prayer Plant" for at night it folds together its leaves, like hands in meditating prayer. You'll adore this lovely plant in your favorite planter!

75c each; 3 for \$2.00



Strawberry Begonias

BST-320 (Saxifraga Sarmientosa) — Also known as Mother of Thousands or Strawberry Geranium. Produces many runners like the strawberry; each having a plantlet. Leaves are green, veined white above, and reddish below. Has clusters of white, long lasting flowers in the spring. Ideal as edge plant in planters.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

Panda Plant

PP-301 (Kalanchoe tomentosa) — So called because of their two-toned hairy leaves. The 3-inch fleshy leaves are loosely arranged in a rosette and covered with a lush growth of white hairs with the upper margins a red-rust. A first class shelf plant.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

Variegated Peperomia

VP-104 (P. obtusifolia variegata)—Leaves are irregularly marked with equal amounts of cream and light green. Used frequently as center plants in planters. Grows better in moist air, but does quite well in open room. Don't put them in direct sunlight.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

The Enlarged and Illustrated Edition of
GARDENING INDOORS AS A HOBBY
By William Ruben \$1.00

B-105—Explains in simple terms how to grow successfully over 245 flowering, bulb and foliage plants. Teeming with information, this book has enough material on the subject of house plants to be called the "Indoor Gardening Encyclopedia." It has sections on:

Soil — Potting — Cultivation — Ventilation
— Humidity — Feeding — Pinching — Pruning
— Resting — Summer care — Plant propagation
— Insects and Diseases — Foliage plants — bulb plants — flowering plants.

Tri-Color Jade

JT-302 (Crassula argentea) — A three colored version of the Jade or Japanese Rubber Plant. Short, thick green leaves are variegated with cream and pink edges.

50c each; 5 for \$2.00



FINE FOR YOUR PLANTERS



Piggy-Back Plant

PB-102 (Tolmiea)—Small plants develop in center of leaves thus riding "piggy back." Will root by allowing leaf to rest on moist ground. Attractive light green, veined foliage.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00



Philodendron

PC-105 (Philodendron cordatum)—Glossy heart shaped leaves on long graceful vines are easily grown. Used much for planters and framing windows, also for making pyramids and totem poles.

35c each; 3 for \$1.00

Tri-Leaf Wonder

TW-103 (Nephthytis)—Three leaves in one, two small leaves grow at right angles and slightly above the large main leaf. Dark, glossy green edge irregularly fades to light olive in leaf center. Ideal center plant for planters or may be grown in water.

75c each; 3 for \$2.00

Devil's Ivy

DI-101 (Pothos Aureus)—Variegated vines used for a trailing or vining effect. Leaves are irregularly blotched with cream or yellow. Sunshine deepens color.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00

Pellionia

PE-106—Oblong light green leaves with prominent black nerves, purple underneath. Slow growing, self branching. Makes a good ground cover for your planters.

25c each; 5 for \$1.00

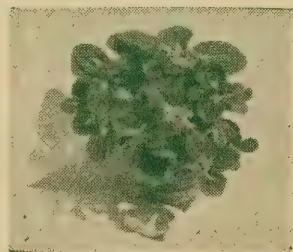
Panamiga

PG-304—Also known as the South American Friendship Plant. Has dark green quilted leaves and a strange flat bloom of yellowish green. Something different!

40c each; 3 for \$1.00



Wilson Bros.



Roachdale, Ind.

MAKE YOUR OWN DISH GARDEN

With these Cacti and Succulents you can make your own desert scene. Colored sand and a little artistic arrangement will bring an air of the great Southwest into your living room.

CI-340 Cacti—25c each

12 all different \$2.50

SU-341 Succulents—20c each

12 all different \$2.00

CS-342 Mixed Cacti and Succulents

12 all different \$2.25



Velvet Plant

VL-351 *Gynura aurantiaca* — The leaves are densely covered with violet or purple hairs, giving it a remarkable velvety appearance. Grows very well in a sunny window indoors or outside if protected from the hot summer sun.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00

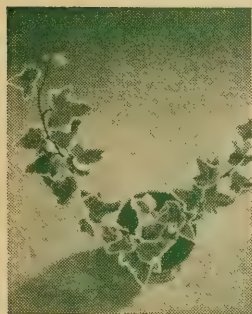


Vinca Vines

V-325 *Vinca variegata*—These green and white vines are the universal favorites for urns, boxes and baskets. Leaves are round, light green in center with cream colored margins. Several vines will lead from the same plant; if covered with dirt and watered, roots will form and you'll have another plant. Vines will survive freezing weather and in protected area even live all winter.

25c each; 5 for \$1.00; 50 for \$8.00

IVIES TO LIVEN YOUR ROOMS



Glacier



Variegated English



Grape



Emerald Jewel

IV-201 Jubilee Ivy — Self branching dwarf ivy with closely set, tiny light green leaves having wide white margins.

50c each; 5 for \$2.00

IV-202 Glacier Ivy — Small light green leaves outlined with wide bands of white. Very colorful vine.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00

IV-203 Gold Dust Ivy — Light green leaves with small yellow spots thus having appearance of gold dust sprinkled on its leaves.

40c each; 6 for \$2.00

IV-204 Fan Ivy — Dark green leaves, shaped and veined like the palm fan. A free vining ivy.

30c each; 4 for \$1.00

IV-205 Variegated English Ivy — Huge leaves with light green centers surrounded by an attractive wide cream band. Showy!

40c each; 6 for \$2.00

IV-206 Grape Ivy — Similar in shape and color as grape leaves. Toughest vine for home use and thrives on neglect.

25c each; 5 for \$1.00

IV-207 Hahn's Ivy — Popular home ivy of many uses. Easily grown vines with many green glossy leaves.

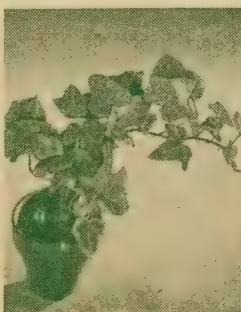
25c each; 5 for \$1.00

IV-208 Emerald Jewel — Greenest and laciest of the ivies. Dark green, three pointed leaves produced in abundance on many vining branches.

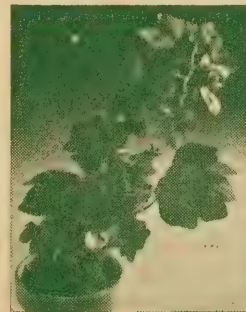
40c each; 6 for \$2.00



Jubilee



Gold Dust



Fan



Hahn's

PLANTS FOR FULL SUNLIGHT

Colorful Coleus



**Chicken
Gizzard**



Add brilliance and beauty to your flower beds, porch and window boxes with the bright, variegated colors of the Coleus or "Foliage Plant." We grow only the most popular and best colored varieties.

C-101 Coleus—Many varieties and colors; representative plants pictured at left and right.

20c each; 8 for \$1.50 (all different).

50 for \$8.00

CR-102 Rainbow Mixture—A mixture of the larger leafed varieties. Beautifully marked and variegated in many shades of color with red, green and yellow predominating.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00; 50 for \$8.00

Chicken Gizzards

CG-306—Leaves of this interesting foliage plant look just like chicken gizzards. We have both the red and yellow varieties. State preference. Fine border plant.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Joseph's Coat

JC-307 (Amaranthus)—A striking foliage plant of many colors. Brilliant scarlet leaves are beautifully variegated yellow and bronze green.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Lantana

Popular plants for flower beds, urns and porch boxes for they are constantly in bloom. Flowers deepen with age and do best in full sunlight.

LT-396 Craigii—Large flower heads of cerise with a yellow eye or center aging to orange.

LT-390 Weeping—Different from other varieties because of its long slender trailing branches, freely growing beautiful lavender flowers. Excellent for hanging baskets, porch boxes and urns. Start it early and it will make a wonderful ground cover.

LT-391 Radiation—Blooms a light orange but flowers become a fiery orange with age. Most popular of standard varieties.



LT-392 Sensation—Flowers are cream colored when first opened but shortly after opening turn lavender or pink.

LT-394 Golden King—Bright golden yellow.

LT-395 Alba Perfecta—Pure white.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

We Guarantee Satisfaction

SHADY PLACE PLANTS

Fuchsia

The pendulous bell-shaped flowers of the Fuchsia, or Ladies Ear-Drop, have a beauty not found in other plants. Blooms well during spring and summer in a shady location.

F-331 Double White—Low growing plant with huge flowers. Double white center with red outer edge.

F-334 Bagdad—Blue center; red outer edge.

F-332 Double Pink—Large flowers having double pink centers with red outer edge.

F-336 Little Beauty—Purple centers with deep pink sepals. Dwarf plant.

35c each; 3 for \$1.00



Patience Plant

You may know the Patience Plant as the Daily Bloomer because of its year-round free blooming habit. Also often called by its specific name, Sultani. Grows best in partial shade.

PP-380 Sultani Hybrids—Mixed colors of choice imported strains.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00



Pansies

PS-432 Swiss Giants—Strong robust plants produce a wealth of extra large round flowers. Lively range of mixed colors including red, salmon, pink, wine-red, blue, yellow and rose shades.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00



Viola

VI-412—Smaller than the Pansy but they bloom more freely and over a longer period. The Viola blooms all summer if watered and old blooms are picked. We offer a special mixture containing bright shades of red, yellow, blue and apricot combined with many blotched shades.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00



FOR AN ARRAY OF COLOR



Canna

Canna

Wonderful for flower beds. Mighty showy plants with huge flower heads and large tropical foliage. Dwarf varieties grow to a height of 2 feet, medium about 3 feet and tall varieties 4 feet.

CN-360 Red King Humbert—Bright red flowers, dark bronzy-red foliage. Tall.

CN-361 Yellow King Humbert—Large yellow flower variegated with red spots. Green foliage. Medium.

CN-362 President—Extremely large bright red flowers. Very dwarf plant with glossy green foliage.

CN-363 City of Portland—Large beautiful rosy-pink flowers. Medium height, green foliage.

CN-364 Rosemond Cole—Extra large red flower with gold edge. Dwarf green foliage plant.

CN-365 King Midas—Beautiful yellow flower with red dots. Dwarf. Green foliage.

CN-366 Wyoming—Large dark orange. Orchid flowering. Medium growth with bronze foliage.

35c each; 10 for \$3.00

Hardy Carnations

Large clove scented, deeply fringed double flowers, 2 or more inches across. Ideal for cut flowers as well as plantings for borders, rock gardens or beds. Will bloom this year if planted early.

HC-451 King of Blacks—Darkest red flower of all varieties.

HC-452 Golden Sun—Large clear yellow flowers. Early flowering; very double.

HC-453 Pink—Lovely rose.

HC-454 Red—Bright scarlet.

HC-455 White—Pure white.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00



Hardy Carnations



Salvia

Salvia

Or Scarlet Sage, one of the most brilliant and popular bedding plants. Blooms from early summer until frost. Both tall and short varieties used for many purposes.

SA-441 Brightness—A new tall variety (30 inches) that's compact in growth. Bright scarlet spikes come in bloom early.

SA-442 St. John's Fire—The earliest of all Salvia. Massive orange-scarlet spikes bloom above dark green foliage. Dwarf plant about 12 inches tall.

SA-443 America or Globe of Fire—Round bushy plant of scarlet flowers. 1½ feet tall. Popular.

SA-444 Royal Blue—Blooms all summer and fall. 30 inch plant produces deep, true blue flowers.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Periwinkle

An ideal bedding plant. Will stand hot dry weather and produce a wealth of flowers all summer. Bushy plants with glossy dark green leaves.

PK-370 Bright Eyes—White flowers with rose colored eyes.

PK-371 Willie Winkle—Bright rose flowers.

PK-372 Twinkles—Soft, blush pink with a bright red eye.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

MAKE A MIXED PLANTING



Verbena

Verbena

Showy plants that produces very colorful flowers under adverse growing conditions. Popular for rock gardens, boxes, ground cover and as cut flowers.

VB-406 Hybrida Grandiflora—Mixed colors ranging from white with red eye to red with white eye and on through blue and lavender shades. Very colorful!

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

Shasta Daisy

(Perennial)

Popular plants, 2 to 2½ feet tall, used extensively as perennial borders. Very hardy and easily grown. Beautiful flowers have many decorative uses around the home.

SD-461 Marconi—The largest Shasta Daisy, flowers are about 7 inches across on sturdy stems 2½ to 3 feet.

SD-462 Double—Large double flowers 5 inches across resemble huge Asters. First year blooms mostly single then bloom all double the second year.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00



Shasta Daisies



Asters

Asters

AS-410 Princess—A wilt resistant strain that produces flowers 3 to 3½ inches across. Branching plants grow to 2½ feet. Mixed colors from white through red and purple. Excellent all purpose asters for your garden.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Canterbury Bells

CB-405 (Campanula)—Lovely bell shaped flowers. Grows to 2½ feet with 6 to 8 spikes covered with blooms. Mixed colors in shades of lavender, blue, rose, pink and white. Annual.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Delphinium

DE-435 (Pacific Giants)—Wonderful strain for cutting, exhibition, prized beds and borders. Fully double flowers 3 inches in diameter and well spaced on strong stems. Lovely mixed colors ranging from pure white through pink, blue and on to deep violet.

30c each; 12 for \$3.00



Periwinkle



Canterbury Bells



Delphinium

POPULAR PETUNIAS



Canadian All Double



Fire Chief



Giants of California

Fancy Petunias

P-475 Canadian All Double—Lovely ruffled double flowers, 4 inches across, bloom profusely on the dwarf, free branching plant. All colors mixed, containing rose, pink, salmon, white and blue.

P-479 Giants of California—Large deeply ruffled single flowers up to 7 inches across, artistically veined. Mixed colors ranging from velvety crimson to a delicate pink. Very vigorous plant.

P-474 Attraction—Really a dandy! An exceptionally fine double with a beautiful variegation of bright rose-pink and white. Ideal plant, dwarf and base branching.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00; 50 for \$9.00

F₁ Hybrid Petunias

P-472 Comanche—New for '53! A new scarlet-red, exceptionally vigorous and free flowering, yet compact growth. Deeper in color and stronger growing than the well known Fire Chief.

P-473 Ballerina—Extra large frilled flowers of clear, intense salmon. Free branching and profuse blooming.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00; 50 for \$9.00

P-476 Silver Medal—Low bushy plants grow 1 foot tall and spread 18 to 20 inches. Covered with salmon cerise flowers, 3 inches across, that age to rich salmon.

P-477 Pink Sensation—Extremely vigorous plants grow to 2 feet tall and 4 feet wide. Completely covered with 3 inch rose pink flowers having deeper veining from brown fringed, white throat toward edges.

Bedding Petunias

These dwarf plants grow to about 1 foot tall and form a mound covered with flowers 2 to 3 inches across from early Summer until frost.

P-481 Admiral—Large clear blue, attractively ruffled flowers.

P-483 Fire Chief—Firecracker red deepening toward throat. Beautiful in mass plantings.

P-484 Rosy Morn—Delicate rose flowers with white throat. Strong plant.

P-485 Celestial Rose—Satiny rose with white throat. A popular pink.

P-486 Velvet Ball—Velvety blood red. Free flowering, vigorous growth with heavy foliage.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00; 50 for \$7.50

All Plants Have Soil On Roots

SHOWY SNAPDRAGONS

Garden Snapdragons

SN-423 Hit Parade—New for '53! An F₁ hybrid especially developed for garden use. Free branching plant with long graceful stems and flower spikes. Blooms weeks earlier than other bedding Snaps. Pure bright colors offered in a well balanced mixture.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

SN-422 Burpee Double—Deep golden yellow flowers with individual blossoms large and double. Central spike grows to 30 inches. Unsurpassed for cutting.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

SN-420 Tetra Snapdragons—The huge ruffled Snaps growing on base-branching plants, with center spike growing over 2 feet. Exceptionally husky plants with thick stems and dark foliage. Lovely mixture of all colors.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Oriental Poppies



OP-431—Have enormous brilliantly colored flowers in May and June. These Oriental Poppies grow to a height of 3 feet and are excellent for cutting. For longer life, cut flowers in early morning and burn

stem ends within 5 minutes. Best to grow plants in sheltered area out of the wind. A hardy perennial. Mixed colors ranging from light salmon shades to dark or blood red.

25c each; 10 for \$2.00

Nierembergia

NI-411 Purple Robe—Rich, bluish lilac flowers form a dense mat on plants about 6 inches high and 12 inches wide. Individual flowers are cup shaped and up to 1½ inches across. Really a first class bedding and edging plant.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00



Giant Snapdragons

SN-421 Skyscraper—The tallest of all Snaps. Central spike grows over 3 feet tall with over half its length covered with flowers. Strong grower under adverse conditions. Mixed colors.

25c each; 12 for \$2.00

Ageratum



AG-401 Purple Beauty—An outstanding variety! Dwarf mound shaped plant grows to 1 foot tall and 1 foot across just covered with bluish purple, dome shaped flowers. A universal favorite for borders and edging.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

Wishbone Flower



WB-350 (Torenia four-nicri)—So named because of stamens of flower form a perfect wishbone.

Bushy plant covered with bloom all summer long. Flowers are light blue, blotched with deeper blue and have a golden touch on their lips. Grows best in semi-shade. Good for beds, borders, pots and window boxes.

20c each; 12 for \$2.00

HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS



Kathleen Lehman



Yellow Avalanche



Holiday

These Hardy Garden Mums are easily grown and will tolerate endless neglect and still produce bloom.

For best results, plant in a sunny location, in a rich, well-drained soil. Water well during the hot summer. Also, once a month during June, July and August place a handful of any complete fertilizer around each plant. You'll have a wealth of bloom this Fall for home decoration.

Sturdy pot grown plants shipped to you with the soil still on the roots.

(D) Double

(SD) Semi-double

(S) Single

(Dates are Approximate blooming dates)

Red Shades

CM-518 Autumn Song (D)—Large flowers of wine-rose shading to carmine. A different color in Mums. September 12. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-506 Courageous (D)—Shining dark ruby red. Magnificent plant, good for cut flowers. September 27. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-501 Fire Engine (S)—Lustrous dark cardinal red with bright orange reverse. Tall and showy. October 1. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-503 Garnet Spoon (SD)—Purple tubes with excellent red spoons accented by a bright yellow center. October 4. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-504 Rouge Cushion (SD)—A beautiful brilliant bright red. A fine early cushion Mum. September 20. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

Pink Varieties

CM-510 Patricia Lehman (D)—Sparkling geranium pink blooms with peach centers; recurved and twisted petals give a fluffy feathery appearance. It's a strong upright mum, excellent for cutting. September 28. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-511 Pink Opal (D)—Pale Persian-rose overlaid with cream and pale green tints toward center of flowers. Very distinct! September 28. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-513 Malinda Brown (D)—Free flowering incurved lavender-rose. Extra strong growth with sturdy flower. September 29. 50c each; 5 for \$2.00.

CM-514 Dr. L. E. Longley (D)—Extremely double, bright rose pink. Very popular early pink. August 20. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-519 Betty (SD)—Splendid upright rose-pink without a trace of magenta. One of the finest pinks. September 28. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-521 Mrs. P. S. DuPont (D)—Peach-pink tinted with rosy salmon bronze. Among the best. October 5. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-531 Pink Princess (D)—Dainty baby pink buttons on a strong husky plant. September 20. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-512 Olive Longland (D)—Large apricot toned salmon pink flowers. Best of pastel shades. September 26. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

SURE TO BLOOM 'MUMS

Bronze Shades

CM-535 Autumn Beauty—A brilliant sparkling reddish chestnut. Best early bronze. September 4. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-536 Carnival (D)—A large gleaming burnt-orange Mum. Excellent plant habit. October 10. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-539 Bronze Cushion (D)—Opens a coppery bronze and ages to bright bronze. September 28. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-534 Holiday (D)—Brilliant golden-bronze with domed center. Flowers 4 inches in diameter. Perfect plant habit and ideal for cutting. September 25. 75c each; 3 for \$2.00.

CM-537 Kathleen Lehman (D)—Ranks with the best. Brightest orange-gold deepening to red gold at the center. Outstandingly good. September 28. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

Yellows

CM-524 Ruthann Lehman (D)—Immense canary yellow. Slightly cushion habit. September 12. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-526 Lee Powell (D)—Large, impressive flowers of Chinese yellow that deepen to orange yellow at the center. A beautiful free-flowering Mum. September 23. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

CM-530 Charles Nye (D)—Large 3 inch rich butter-cup yellow flowers, well rounded. September 24. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM 531 Yellow Avalanche (D)—A large, brilliant yellow Mum. Unexcelled for cutting and unsurpassed in beauty. September 4. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-532 Yellow Blanket (D)—Very free-flowering button. Clear yellow flowers, tops for cutting. October 10. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-528 Golden Carpet (D)—Forms a creeping mound of golden yellow pompons. Fine for borders. September 16. 50c each; 5 for \$2.00.

Whites

CM-542 Shalimar (D)—A fast-color cream-white Mum with a sulphur-yellow center. September 24. 50c each; 5 for \$2.00.

CM-543 White Tower (D)—Free flowering creamy white pompon opening to pure white. Tall, sturdy plant. September 20. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-546 Chris Columbus (D)—A strong growing ivory-white. September 28. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-541 Avalanche (D)—The favorite large, creamy white Mum. Excellent for cutting. September 4. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-545 Winterset (D)—Large pure white Mums with petals crisp and shiny. Sturdy plant. October 2. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

Lavender Shades

CM-547 Royal Robe (D)—Beet-root purple with a bluish sheen. Blooms in a well distributed mass. A superb introduction. September 15. 75c each; 3 for \$2.00.

CM-549 Myrtle Walgreen (D)—Rich amaranth-purple underlaid with silvery-lilac, aging to clear mallow purple. September 28. 40c each; 6 for \$2.00.

CM-548 Cecelia (D)—Produces mounds of soft peony-purple flowers. A good border plant. September 24. 60c each; 4 for \$2.00.

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